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TAGS: OEXC, DR (ROJAS ABREU, ENRIQUILLO)

SUBJECT: CODE 210 CANDIDATE ENRIQUILLO ROJAS ABREU

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES ENRIQUILLO ROJAS ABREU, DOMINICAN POET,  
FOR 21-DAY IV GRANT.

2. BORN JANUARY 18, 1920 IN SANTO DOMINGO DR. DOMINICAN CITIZEN.  
SINGLE. ADDRESS: CALLE GRACIA BODOY 16, SANTO DOMINGO DR. 1948,  
DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO.  
FORMER DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, CHILE, AND TURKEY;  
PERMANENT DELEGATE TO UNESCO IN PARIS (19659. ALSO SERVED IN  
GUATEMALA, COLOMBIA, AND VENEZUELA. NOW AT DISPOSITION OF FOREIGN  
OFFICE WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR. MEMBER, ACADEMY OF PHILOSOPHY  
AND LETTERS, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA (1958); ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS OF  
CHILE (1959); BOLIVARIAN SOCIETY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1972);  
AND THE ANDRES BELLO DOMINICAN INSTITUE (1973).

3. AMBASSADOR ROJAS IS A WELL-KNOWN DOMINICAN POET WHO HAS  
REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY IN NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL  
MEETINGS IN AMERICA, EUROPE, AND ASIA. IN NOVEMBER 1973,  
RECEIVED FIRST PRIZE IN SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF POETS, HELD  
IN TAIPEI. IN 1974, USIS SANTO DOMINGO PUBLISHED HIS POEM  
"TROTACIELOS: HOMENAJE A LOUIS ARMSTRONG." AMBASSADOR  
ROJAS' VISIT WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER  
CROSS-CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN DR AND US, PARTICULARLY IN  
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FIELDS OF POETRY AND LITERATURE.

4. AMBASSADOR ROJAS PROPOSES AN ARDUOUS THREE-WEEK TOUR FOR HIMSELF, DESIRING, IN HIS WORDS, "TO IMPROVE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, AND CULTURE OF NORTH AMERICA, BY COMING IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH DIVERSE SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY."

CANDIDATE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C., PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN, POSTON, CHICAGO, CALIFORNIA, AND NEW ORLEANS. HE PROPOSES: A) A THREE OR FOUR-DAY STAY IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE WOULD VISIT DEPARTMENT OF STATE, US CAPITOL, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PAN AMERICAN UNION, OAS, KENNEDY CENTER, AND GEORGETOWN AND GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITIES. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SEVERAL OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND VISIT VOA STUDIOS AND TAPE A BRIEF MESSAGE. DURING VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH STUDENTS OF SPANISH LITERATURE, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET ARCHIBALD MACLEISH OR SOME OTHER WELL-KNOWN POET. B) A ONE-DAY STOP IN PHILADELPHIA TO SEE INDEPENDENCE HALL AND LIBERTY BELL. C) THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN NEW YORK CITY TO VISIT UN, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND LINCOLN CENTER. D) VISITS TO YALE, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, AND HARVARD. E) THREE DAYS IN CALIFORNIA, VISITING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, SAN FRANCISCO, DISNEYLAND, LOS ANGELES, AND HOLLYWOOD FOR A TOUR OF A FILM STUDIO. F) VISIT NEW ORLEANS TO SEE SOME PLACES WHERE LOUIS ARMSTRONG PLAYED AND PRESENT A COPY OF HIS POEM TO SOME MEMBER OF ARMSTRONG'S FAMILY. WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD LIKE TO TOUR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND SEE SOME PLACES MARK TWAIN WROTE ABOUT.

5. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR ROJAS FEELS HIS ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE, AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER IS DESIRED.

6. CLEARANCE IN PROGRESS. CANDIDATE CAN DEPART ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 1.  
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